considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party to must file a motion to intervene. Copies of the petition are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

### David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-269-000]

### Arkansas Western Pipeline Company and Arkansas Western Pipeline L.L.C.; Notice of Application

March 16, 1998.

Take notice that on March 6, 1998, Arkansas Western Pipeline Company (AWP) and Arkansas Western Pipeline, L.L.C. (AWP, LLC) (collectively the Applicants) filed an application under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), requesting that the Commission approve a transaction whereby AWP, LLC would succeed AWP as the owner of facilities and holder certificates of public convenience and necessity related to those facilities and services previously authorized by this Commission, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, AWP requests permission and approval under NGA 7(b) to abandon by transfer to AWP, LLC pipeline and appurtenant facilities currently dedicated to interstate service as well as the various certificates of public convenience and necessity which AWP currently holds. It is stated that for its part, AWP, LLC requests issuance under NGA Section 7(c) of certificates of public convenience and necessity identical to those abandoned by AWP. under which AWP, LLC will operate the facilities and render the services previously operated and performed by its predecessor, AWP. In addition, AWP and AWP, LLC request approval under Part 154 of this Commission's Regulations to make minor modifications to AWP's existing FERC Gas Tariff necessary to reflect AWP, LLC's succession to AWP's currently effective tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said

application should on or before April 6, 1998, file with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Take further notice that pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the application is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission, on its own motion, believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

## David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-203-000]

## Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

March 16, 1998.

Take notice that on January 27, 1998, as supplemented on March 13, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98–203–000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate

six delivery points in West Virginia to serve existing customers, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.

Columbia proposed to construct and operate six delivery points in Cabell, Lewis, Roane, and Wayne counties to serve one commercial and five residential customers of Mountaineer Gas Company (MGC). Columbia states that it would deliver a total of up to 9 dekatherms equivalent of natural gas per day and up to 900 dekatherms equivalent of natural gas annually at the six proposed delivery points for the account of MGC under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP86-240-000. Columbia also states that MGC has not requested an increase in its peak day entitlements in conjunction with this request for the herein proposed six new delivery points. Columbia further states that it would treat the estimated \$900 total construction cost for this proposal as an operational and maintenance expense.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 23, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.